

Ocotillo District Weekly Update

August 7, 2015

Welcome to the Ocotillo District Weekly Update!

I invite you to my upcoming Mobile Office hours this month:

- **Monday, August 31** from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Bakery By Chef Tom, 5835 W. Palmdale Ave., Suite E.

Please feel free to stop by. No appointment is necessary. For more information, please call 623-930-2878.

Please Note: Due to the Labor Day Holiday on September 7, I will not host Mobile Office Hours in September.

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Ocotillo District Amenities

Valley Metro West Phoenix/Central Glendale High Capacity Transit Study Information

What is the timeline for the West Phoenix/Central Glendale Project?

As you may know, Valley Metro has a study underway to identify transit options to connect downtown Glendale to the light rail system. The project is scheduled for operations in 2026, but critical decisions are being made in the current study to determine a route and type of transit (light rail or bus rapid transit). That study will conclude in early 2016 with a vote by the Glendale and Phoenix City Councils. We want to hear from you! To learn more about the project and how you can provide input, visit

valleymetro.org/Glendale.

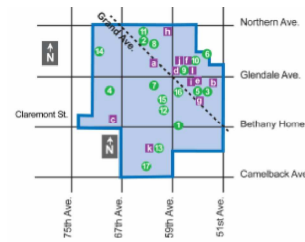
Glendale Police Department Awarded \$40,000 Occupant Protection Enforcement Grant From the Governor's Office of Highway Safety.

In an effort to save more lives and reduce the number of injuries related to vehicular collisions on Arizona's roadways, the Governor's Office of Highway Safety is partnering with the Glendale Police Department and other local law enforcement agencies to increase the proper use of seat belts and child safety seats.

Although Arizona has a secondary seat belt law, the enforcement campaign is based upon high visibility traffic enforcement with a "zero-tolerance" approach towards seat belt and child safety seat usage. It will also include an educational component to the encounters with violators.

This funding will allow the Glendale Police Department to deploy extra traffic enforcement resources in school zones, as well as the areas surrounding the schools, during the month of August as students around the valley go BACK TO SCHOOL.

Glendale Public Schools open their doors this week! It is important it is to pay attention while driving with regard for the safety of other motorists and



Glendale Fire Department Helps Kids Get Back to School with Supplies.

Glendale Firefighters are kicking off their 2015 Back to School Supply Drive to benefit low income children attending school in Glendale. Their goal is to fill 500 backpacks with the essentials needed for these kids to be successful.

Now until August 8, they are encouraging the public to drop off school supplies at any Glendale Fire Station. In addition, they will be at Target on 43rd Ave. & Peoria (10404 N 43rd Ave) on Aug. 1 & 8 with their antique fire truck collecting supplies and handing out stickers to kids coming to the store.

Businesses, community groups or individuals who would like to help support this event can contact Cecil Tudor, President of Glendale Fire Charities at glendalefirecharities@yahoo.com or call (928)300-0602.

pedestrians as well as taking the time to properly secure children before driving them to school. To ensure the safety of the children and parents, the Glendale Police Department will actively enforce traffic laws around school zones, buses and crosswalks.

Despite widespread efforts to educate drivers about effective ways to protect people and reduce fatalities, motor vehicles collisions continue to be the leading cause of death and serious injuries to the citizens of our state. Regular seat belt use is the single most effective way to protect people and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes.

Funding was provided from the Governor's of Highway Safety in partnership with National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) designed to increase and sustain the seatbelt usage throughout Arizona.

Seat belts do save lives, so please BUCKLE UP!

Glendale Police Department Receives Reaccreditation from CALEA. On July 25, 2015 a board from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) awarded reaccreditation to Glendale Chief of Police Debora Black and the Glendale Police Department. This award was presented after formal hearings before the CALEA Commissioners in Colorado Springs, CO.

A team of assessors from CALEA conducted an assessment the week of April 13, 2015 to examine all aspects of the Glendale Police Department. This examination included a review of the department's policies, procedures, management, operations, and support services. During the on-site assessment, both residents and Chiefs of nearby agencies expressed many positive comments about the Glendale Police Department that included the agency's willingness to assist small law enforcement agencies and overall leadership in the metropolitan area. That assessment was the subject of the hearings held before CALEA. The committee was impressed with our community outreach programs and community engagement through programs that

include "Coffee with a Cop," the agency website and overall use of social media, to include the recent introduction of the Nextdoor application.

Also discussed during the hearings was the police department's upcoming acceptance of the Freedom Award by the Department of Defense's ESGR program. The award recognizes the commitment to our employees that have or currently do serve in the Armed Forces. Internal leadership development was also recognized, as the department continues to strive to enhance the organization, highlighted by the point that a member of the Command Staff was recently selected to be the interim Chief of Police in Ferguson, Missouri.

The assessment is part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation, a highly prized recognition of professional excellence in the field of law enforcement. The goal of the assessment is to demonstrate that the Glendale Police Department is in compliance with over 480 professional standards, as established by CALEA. The Glendale Police Department was first accredited in the year 2000. The department received reaccreditation in the years 2003, 2006, 2009, 2012 and again now in 2015. Since this was the agency's fifteenth consecutive year of accreditation, the Department was also given the Meritorious Award distinction. This is an important achievement for the men and women of the Glendale Police Department. Members of the assessment team noted it was obvious, through what they observed during their visit, that the Glendale Police Department was committed to the accreditation process through the leadership of Chief Black. The Glendale Police Department is one of only thirteen accredited agencies in the state of Arizona.

For more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. please visit their website at www.calea.org.

High School Students Invited to Apply to Serve on Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission. Mayor Jerry Weiers is seeking new members for his Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission (MYAC). Several vacancies have been created as a result of former MYAC members graduating from high school this past spring.

MYAC provides high school students with opportunities to make a positive impact in Glendale by getting involved in their local city government and community. Youth commission members volunteer for community service activities, raise funds for projects and serve as a liaison to the mayor as the foremost voice on local youth-related issues.

Commission members must commit approximately five hours per month to attend meetings and participate in activities. Standing commission meetings are held each month at Glendale City Hall.

To be eligible for the competitive selection process, teens must reside in Glendale and be enrolled in high school for the 2015-16 school year, and must submit a completed membership application.

Applications can be downloaded at www.glendaleaz.com/mayor/myac. The deadline to submit an application is Friday, August 21. Completed applications can be dropped off or mailed to: Office of the Mayor, City of Glendale, 5850 W. Glendale Ave., Glendale, AZ 85301. For more information, call 623-930-2260.

Coming Up

Coffee with a Cop. Join your neighbors and police officers for coffee and conversation. No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood on the following date:

August 19 at 10 a.m.
Glendale Community Center
(YWCA)
5401 W. Ocotillo Road.

For more information call Crime Prevention Specialist Doreen Anderson, 623-695-0440.

Registration Now Taking Place For More Than 100 Classes for the Fall Session . Glendale Parks and Recreation offers more than 100 classes for adults, teens and youth in the areas of arts, cooking, fitness, sports, well-being, music, dance and personal development. All the class information can

be found in the *Glendale @Play* magazine available at www.glendaleaz.com/Parks&Recreation/magazine or the Glendale libraries, Glendale Adult Center and the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center.

Adaptive Bowling 9 to 11 a.m., Saturdays, thru September 26, at Glenfair Lanes Bowling Alley, 6110 N. 59th Ave.

Ages 8 and older can improve their bowling game, enjoy the support of others and make new friends! Parents, guardians and caregivers volunteer and assist those with special needs to make this a rewarding experience. Bowling ramps are available to registered bowlers.

Instruction is not provided. No bowling September 5. The program is \$23 (non-resident \$30) and includes a bowling ball and shoes. Pre-registration is required. Call 623-930-4600 or visit

www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation. register.

For more information, contact Anthony Garcia at 623-930-4335

Golf 101 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturdays for 4 weeks beginning August 8, at the Glen Lakes Municipal Golf Course, 5450 W. Northern Ave.

Dates and times apply to both Adult and Kids & Teens classes. Call 623-930-4600 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/parks&recreation to register.

Adults

This course is designed to teach everything you need to play in just a few lessons. PGA professionals will show you there are lots of ways to play by combining fun, friends and fitness. Ages 18+. The class is \$99 (non-resident \$119), and pre-registration is required.

Kids & Teens

This class is a fun, interactive approach to growing junior participation in golf, with PGA professionals at the forefront of the experience. The objective is to develop core golfers who will continue to play socially or competitively, based on individual desires. Clubs provided if needed. Ages 9-17. The class is \$79 (non-resident \$95), and pre-registration is required.

Monday Night @ the Movies 6 p.m., August 17, at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. View a documentary provided by the PBS POV in Your Community program. *Art and Craft* - When a prolific art forger gets caught, he finds stopping isn't

an easy task. For more information, call 623-930-3430.

Living with Alzheimer's Disease - Late Stage 10 a.m., Saturdays, August 8 and 15, at the Velma Teague Branch Library. In the late stage of Alzheimer's disease, caregiving typically involves new ways of connecting and interacting with the person with the disease. Desert Southwest Outreach Director Martha Burrue! and Registered Nurse Melissa Johnson will discuss locating local resources, monitoring care and providing meaningful connection for persons with late stage Alzheimer's and their families. Registration is required. For more information and to register, call 623-930-3430.

Puppets @ theTeague! 11 a.m., Wednesday, August 12, and 6 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 13, at the Velma Teague Branch Library. Join us at the library for a special storybook-themed puppet show presented by the talented puppeteers of the Velma Teague Library. For more information, call 623-930-3437.

DIY: Marble Magnets 6 p.m., Thursday, August 27, at the Velma Teague Branch Library. Use flat marbles, recycled magazine images, scrapbook paper, or your own original art to create funky, one-of-a-kind magnets to stick on your locker or fridge. All materials will be provided! Ages 12-18. Registration begins on 8/10. For more information and to register, call 623-930-3437.

Glendale Offers Residents Free HOA Training. The City of Glendale is continuing its partnership with Mulcahy Law Firm to offer another HOA Academy this fall to residents. This unique opportunity provides Glendale residents and HOA leaders an opportunity to learn about relevant issues facing neighborhoods and learn answers from specialists in the field.

This training will be taught by HOA attorneys from the Mulcahy Law Firm, P.C., along with the Glendale Police Crime Prevention Department. The classes are free to Glendale residents and only \$20 for non-residents.

The curriculum for this four week series is derived from top concerns and requests made by Glendale HOA leaders, including:

- How to Handle Rentals in Community Associations and How to Build "Community" in HOAs
- Does your Association have Drones? Nuisance Issues in the Association
- Budgeting for Community Associations - Audits, Compilations, Reviews - Contracts
- Safety, Crime and Vandalism Prevention

The classes will be held at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St. on Tuesdays, from October 13 to November 3, from 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Registration for the HOA training is currently open. Early registration is encouraged as only a limited number of seats are available. To register, contact Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Services at 623-930-2820 or sign up online at www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation and use code # 474099-03.

Residents Reminded Standing Water Invites Mosquitos. With three months of monsoon activity still ahead of us this summer, the city of Glendale reminds residents to watch for standing water and to protect their homes and families against mosquitos and diseases such as West Nile virus.

Two confirmed cases were reported in Maricopa County on June 21, 2015. In 2014, 108 cases of West Nile virus were reported among Arizona residents. Standing water, even in the shallowest containers, acts as a breeding ground for mosquitos, so follow these essential preventive measures to fight the bite:

- Reduce the number of mosquitos around your home. Mosquitos breed in standing water and their eggs will hatch within days after it rains. Check your yard once a week after it rains, get rid of containers that aren't being used, empty water from flower pots, change water in bird baths, and check for any leaky water equipment.

- Report any pools in your neighborhood that are not being maintained properly. Occupied homes should be reported to Glendale's Code Compliance Division at 623-930-3610; unoccupied homes should be reported to the county at 602-506-0700.
- Reduce the number of mosquito bites you get. Make a habit of using insect repellent when outdoors. Repellents should be used according to the label instructions.
- Prime mosquito-biting hours are usually dusk to dawn. Pay special attention to protection during these hours, or avoid being outdoors.

The Maricopa County Environmental Services Division monitors mosquito activity throughout the county. It also responds to all complaints related to green pools, stagnant water, dead birds and of course mosquitos. Residents can get more information or report issues to the county through a hotline, 602-506-0700, or online at www.maricopa.gov/wmv/ Additional information and resources are available on Glendale's website, as well, at www.glendaleaz.com/environmentalresources.

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